accessing a device capabilities database that includes the information, using the received device identifier;

determining, based on the received device identifier and the corresponding information, whether the mobile communication device is capable of receiving the requested service; and

when the mobile communication device is determined to be capable of receiving the requested service, setting up the requested service for the mobile communication device.

6. (Twice amended) A method for registering a mobile communication device to a service, comprising:

receiving a device attribute for the mobile communication device via a communication network, wherein the device attribute is correlated with information concerning the technical capability of the mobile communication device to receive a requested service;

receiving, via the network, a request for a service to be provided to the mobile communication device;

accessing an attribute database that includes the information, using the received device attribute;

determining, based on the received device attribute and the corresponding information, whether the mobile communication device is capable of receiving the requested service; and

when the mobile communication device is determined to be capable of receiving the requested service, setting up the requested service for the mobile communication device.

10. (Amended) A method for ascertaining whether to register a mobile communication device to a given service, the method comprising:

applying a device identifier to an equipment capabilities filter, the equipment capabilities filter comprising information concerning what services the device has a technical capability to access;

applying a home location identifier to a geographic eligibility filter; and

registering the mobile communication device to the given service if the device

identifier and home location identifier pass through the equipment capabilities filter

and geographic eligibility filter, respectively.

11.   (Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly

embodying a program of executable instructions to perform a method for registering

·a mobile communication device to a service, the method comprising:

receiving a device identifier for the mobile communication device via a

communication network, wherein the device identifier is correlated with information

concerning what services the mobile communication device has a technical

capability to access;

receiving, via the network, a request for a service to be provided to the mobile

communication device;

accessing a device capabilities database that includes the information, using

the received device identifier;

determining, based on the received device identifier and the corresponding

information, whether the mobile communication device is capable of receiving the

requested service; and

when the mobile communication device is determined to be capable of

receiving the requested service, setting up the requested service for the mobile

communication device.

12.   (Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly

embodying a program of executable instructions to perform a method for registering

a mobile communications device to a service, the method comprising:

receiving a device attribute for the mobile communication device via a

communication network, wherein the device attribute is correlated with

information concerning the technical capability of the mobile communication

device to receive a requested service;

receiving, via the network, a request for a service to be provided to the mobile communication device;

accessing an attribute database that includes the information, using the received device attribute;

determining, based on the received device attribute and the corresponding information, whether the mobile communication device is capable of receiving the requested service; and

when the mobile communication device is determined to be capable of receiving the requested service, setting up the requested service for the mobile communication device.

13.   (Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of executable instructions to perform a method for ascertaining whether to register a mobile communication device to a given service, the method comprising:

applying a device identifier to an equipment capabilities filter, the equipment capabilities filter comprising information concerning what services the device has a technical capability to access;

applying a home location identifier to a geographic eligibility filter; and

registering the mobile communication device to the given service if the device identifier and home location identifier pass through the equipment capabilities filter and geographic eligibility filter, respectively.

Please cancel claims 14 and 15 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are pending in the application, and all stand rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 11-12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Donovan et al. (Donovan) (U.S. Patent No. 5,940,589). Claims 14